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Princess Margriet of the Netherlands Visits the Library of Congress

Her Royal Highness Princess Margriet looks on as her son, Prince Bernhard, signs the Library's guest book.

Her Royal Highness Princess Margriet of the Netherlands visited the Library of Congress last month. She was accompanied by her son, Prince Bernhard, who was formerly a student at Georgetown University, as well as the ambassador of the Netherlands to the United States, Richard Hendrik Fein, and Mrs. Fein; and the embassy's Cultural Counselor, Andreas te Boekhorst.

The princess is the younger sister of Queen Beatrix, who has been the ruling sovereign of the Netherlands since her mother, Queen Juliana, abdicated in her favor in 1980.

During their visit to the Library of Congress, Princess Margriet and her party had a brief tour of the Great Hall after being greeted by Winston Tabb, Acting Librarian of Congress, and Donald Curran, Associate Librarian for Constituent Services. They were also

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treated to a behind-the-scenes look at the progress on the renovation of the Main Reading Room, from the Visitors Gallery, and a briefing on the history of the Library by Margrit B. Krewson, German/Dutch area specialist.

In the office of the Librarian of Congress in the Jefferson Building, representatives of the Rare Book and Special Collections Division and the Geography and Map Division displayed a number of unique items selected for the princess.

Kathleen Mang, curator of the Lessing J. Rosenwald Collection, showed the princess some of its treasures of early illustrated books. The princess was particularly intrigued by a tiny, jewel-like Book of Hours, with vibrant miniature paintings less than three inches high, which had been a gift from Lessing J. Rosenwald to his wife in 1951, and the only known copy of a first edition of a Dutch cookbook dating from 1560.

Ralph Ehrenberg, acting chief of the Geography and Map Division, displayed several rare maps for the princess, most from the 16th and 17th centuries, the golden age of Dutch mapmaking. An anonymous nautical chart from the 14th century, a volume from Blaeu's *Atlas Major*, and the Vingboons manuscript map of Manatus [Manhattan Island] (1639) particularly captured her attention.

Kathleen Mang (right) discussing a treasure from the Lessing J. Rosenwald Collection. David Kraus, acting chief of the European Division, and Mrs. Fein are in the background.

Ralph Ehrenberg (second from right) displays Blaeu atlas volume to (from the left) Lt. Col. B. M. J. Jansen; Prince Bernhard; Mrs. Fein; Princess Margriet; A. A. J. Mulock, secretary to Her Royal Highness; Ambassador Fein; and (far right) Winston Tabb.

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MARC Update

January 1990 MARBI Meetings

Proposals

Six USMARC format proposals will be considered by the ALA ALCTS/LITA/RASD Machine-Readable Bibliographic Information Committee (MARBI), at its January 6–9, 1990, meetings in Chicago.

The major proposal to be considered is that pertaining to the handling of classification data. Proposal 89–1 originally called for accommodating such data in the USMARC authority format. Subsequent review of the specifications revealed that there was much less overlap of data elements than was originally anticipated. Consequently, it was felt that a new format was needed.

☐ *Proposal 89–1: Proposed Classification Format.* This proposal/discussion paper consists of a proposed new USMARC format to accommodate data from classification schedules, such as *Library of Congress Classification, Dewey Decimal Classification,* and *National Library of Medicine Classification.* Numerous discussion items are presented.

The remaining five proposals have to do with additions/changes to the USMARC bibliographic and holdings formats. The last three pertain to data elements needed by the MicroLIF community to meet the needs of its users. (The MicroLIF community is a group of vendors who are especially concerned with services to school and public libraries.)

☐ *Proposal 89–14: Changes to Leader/06 in the Bibliographic Format.* For Leader/06, this proposal calls for (1) changing the name of code "b" from "Archival and manuscripts control" to "Mixed material" and (2) defining code "h - Manuscript language material" for books.

☐ *Proposal 90–1: Additions/Changes to 007/12 for Microforms.* In order to

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The Netherlands Honors the Library's Dutch Area Specialist

Ambassador Richard H. Fein (left) toasts Margrit Krewson and the Library. Mrs. Krewson (center) is shown with her husband, Charles F. Krewson, III, a health care executive.

In a ceremony at the residence of the Ambassador of the Netherlands, His Excellency Richard H. Fein awarded Margrit B. Krewson, German/Dutch area specialist in the European Division, the insignia pertaining to the Order of Oranje-Nassau, in the grade of Knight, on November 14.

In making the presentation on behalf of Her Majesty Queen Beatrix, Ambassador Fein noted that Mrs. Krewson was given this high distinction in recognition of her work in expanding and interpreting the Dutch collections at the Library of Congress and also as a token of gratitude to the Library.

"The Library . . . serves as a most important link in the cultural relations between our two countries," said Ambassador Fein. "The Library is surely the most important source of knowledge about the Netherlands in the U.S. We admire *all* those in the Library and in Congress who have made this great institution what it is today."

In accepting the insignia of the order, Mrs. Krewson thanked the ambassador for his personal interest and encouragement and observed that she could not have accomplished her work—the study and enhancement of the Library's Dutch collections— without the support of her colleagues at the Library. She also gave a brief history of the Dutch collections, which began with the acquisition of Thomas Jefferson's library in 1815. Today the Library has some 150,000 items in Dutch, growing annually by approximately 3,000 titles. Its holdings of Dutch history, literature, and the social sciences are the most extensive in the United States.

Winston Tabb, Acting Librarian of Congress, responded on behalf of Dr. Billington, who was out of the country, and presented Ambassador Fein with two photographs that had been taken during the visit of Her Royal Highness Princess Margriet to the Library earlier in the month.

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Mrs. Krewson, who has worked at the Library since 1967, assumed the duties of German/Dutch area specialist in the European Division in 1980. She received a master's degree in Germanic languages and literature from the George Washington University in Washington, D.C., where she was awarded the Buka Prize for outstanding scholarship in Germanic area studies. She is the author of numerous bibliographic publications on Dutch and German subjects, the most recent of which is *The Netherlands and Northern Belgium: A Selective Bibliography of Reference Works*, published in July 1989.

In 1987 Mrs. Krewson was awarded the Officer's Cross of the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany (Bundesverdienstkreuz I. Klasse) for her outstanding contributions to German scholarship and her publications serving to promote German-American understanding.

Mrs. Krewson's husband Charles, and their children Caroline and Charles, were all present for the ceremony at the ambassador's residence.

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enable users to distinguish between types of safety-base film in character position 12 (Base of film) of the 007 Physical Description Fixed Field for microforms, this proposal proposes defining codes "c - Safety base; acetate," "d - Safety base; polyester," and "m - Safety base; mixed." It recommends that the name of code "a" be changed from "Safety base" to "Safety base; undetermined."

☐ *Proposal 90-2: Defining a New Bibliographic Field 586.* This proposal recommends defining a new field 586 (Awards Note) to enable one to record information about awards the bibliographic item has won.

☐ *Proposal 90-3: Accommodating Reading Grade Level Code, Etc. Information in Bibliographic Field 521.* This proposal proposes ways to accommodate adult reading grade level code and age/interest level information found on children's and young adult books in USMARC field 521 (Target Audience Note).

☐ *Proposal 90-4: Additions/Changes to Holdings/Bibliographic Field 852.* This proposal has four specific proposals dealing with additions/changes needed to holdings/bibliographic field 852 (Location/Call Number). The proposals call for (1) the definition of subfield ‡m [Call number suffix] and the redefinition of subfield ‡k [from "Call number prefix/suffix" to "Call number prefix"]; (2) the definition of subfield ‡r [Physical item/piece identification (bar code number)] and the redefinition of subfield ‡p from "Physical item/piece identification" to "Physical item/piece identification (other)"; (3) the definition of subfield ‡o [Circulation period], and (4) the definition of subfield ‡u [Purchase price].

Discussion Papers

Four discussion papers are also to be considered at the January 1990 MARBI meetings.

☐ *Discussion Paper No. 32: Handling Bibliographic Records on Diskettes.* This paper presents the MicroLIF diskette specifications and asks that the general structure, field specifications, etc., be examined as the diskette specifications could become part of the *USMARC Specifications for Record Structure, Character Sets, Tapes.*

☐ *Discussion Paper No. 33: References in the Classification Format.* This paper presents an alternative structure for tracing and reference fields from that presented in Proposal 89-1 (Proposed Classification Format).

☐ *Discussion Paper No. 34: Recording Indirect Geographic Subject Subdivision Form Information.* This paper addresses the need to record in an authority record having a 151 (Heading–Geographic Name), the name as it would appear in indirect form in a geographic subdivision in a 600-651 subject heading field in a bibliographic record.

☐ *Discussion Paper No. 35: Field 753 Considerations.* This paper raises two issues pertaining to bibliographic field 753 (Technical Details Access to Computer Files): (1) whether there would be a problem of having information for more than one make and model of machine and operating system in *one* 753 field and (2) whether more subfields should be defined to enable one to record other information that is necessary for using the computer file/accompanying material in hand (e.g., required software packages and required color cards).

For specifics on the dates, times, and locations in which the proposals and discussion papers will be discussed, contact Sally H. McCallum, Chief, Network Development and MARC Standards Office, Library of Congress, Washington, DC 20540; or call (202) 707-6237.

The proposals and discussion papers are available from the Library of Congress Cataloging Distribution Service (CDS) as part of the subscription service *USMARC Format: Proposed Changes.* A one-year subscription to this service includes all material being considered by the MARC advisory committee (which includes MARBI), the results of deliberations on the proposals, and other related material. For subscription information, write CDS, Library of Congress, Washington DC 20541; or call (202) 707-6100.

STAFF NEWS

Library Management Services Honors Staff In Awards Ceremony

Library Management Services honored more than one quarter of its staff members in a service unit awards ceremony on December 5. The event was the first Library of Congress awards ceremony specifically designed to implement the Library of Congress value of employee recognition, one of the seven institutional values defined in the Management and Planning (MAP) Report last year.

Recognizing that exceptional teamwork and individual effort are essential to the progress of the Library during this time of transition, Library Management Services (LMS) presented awards to 229 employees from all levels of its four directorates—Financial Services, Human Resources, Information Technology Services, and Integrated Support Services. In contrast, the department presented only 39 awards last year.

Olliver L. Hutchinson of the Staff Training and Development Office served as master of ceremonies. He introduced Rhoda W. Canter, Associate Librarian for Management Services, who reminded the staff that the ceremony, like so many new activities currently under way in LMS, was itself a pilot project which would be reviewed, evaluated, and revised as needed in coming years.

Mrs. Canter introduced John Webster, director of Financial Services; Ben Benitez, director of Human Resources; Herb Becker, director of Information Technology Services; and Jim Trew, acting director of Integrated Support Services.

"Teamwork is essential in reaching our goals, so it is especially valued," said Mr. Benitez, referring

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The ceremony was held on the second level of the Great Hall.

Computer Security Is Discussed By Online Users Group

Computer security was the subject of the Online Users Group program held on October 25. Claire Fromme, a senior systems analyst in Information Technology Services (ITS), discussed computer security problems, including the problems commonly associated with protecting property and information and the problems peculiar to the automated information processing environment. She pointed out that there is no such thing as total computer security—what exists are varying levels of insecurity.

Today, with remote terminal access, communications, and networking, physical measures rarely provide meaningful protection for either the information or the service provided. Yet most computer facilities continue to protect their physical machine far better than they do their data, even when the value of the data is several times greater than the value of the hardware.

Each major technological advance in computing raises new security threats that require new security solutions. The easier it is to access systems—whether in the office, the home, or elsewhere—the more difficult computer security becomes.

Security of the Library's systems is based on the principle of least privilege; that is, users should be given only that access that is necessary to enable them to do their jobs. ITS has three goals in providing computer security: to provide data integrity, to maintain confidentiality, and to ensure resource availability. The Library's data must be correct and available, and the systems necessary to utilize the data

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Jim Trew (left) is assisted by Jimmy Haritos in distributing certificates to some of the recipients of an award made to a group from the Printing and Processing Section of the Office Systems Services Division (formerly Central Services). Pictured in line are Anthony Morton (shaking hands), David McNeal, Arvell Giles, Onnetta Benoit, Kevin Hodges, James Glover, and Willie L. A. Jones.

Below, Rhoda Canter (left) presents a Library of Congress Values Award to Shirley Whetstone of the Photoduplication Service.

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to the fact that of the 229 employees honored, 202 were recognized for outstanding group performance. Several group award recipients remarked that this was the first time in long careers at the Library that they had been specially recognized.

During the ceremony, LMS introduced the new Library of Congress Values Award, an award that promotes the Library's seven institutional values: service, quality, effectiveness, innovation, fairness, participation, and staff development and recognition.

Mrs. Canter presented Values Awards to five individuals for their extraordinary efforts to bring these values to life: Shirley A. Whetstone, John S. Evans, Huey Cole, Ben Benitez, and Vivian C. Crump. The recipients were from all levels of the service unit. They were commended for their role as catalysts for beneficial change and for their unusual commitment and dedication to the seven values.

The event's grand setting in the Great Hall of the Jefferson Building was appropriate for the gathering of outstanding employees from a service unit that normally serves the Library from behind the scenes.

Al McEwen sang two songs during the program, accompanied by Elmer Booze on piano. All LMS employees were invited to join the honorees for a reception in the Great Hall following the ceremony.

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must also be available.

The Computer Security Act of 1987 gives direction on how Federal agencies are to provide security. The act establishes minimum acceptable security practices for sensitive systems. It assigns responsibility for developing security standards and

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guidelines to assure cost-effective security to the National Institute of Standards and Technology, with technical advice and assistance from the National Security Agency. The act also requires establishment of security plans for all Federal computer systems that contain sensitive information, and requires mandatory periodic training for all persons involved in management, use, or operation of such systems. ITS is currently preparing a computer security policy for the Library.

Ms. Fromme pointed out that computer security requires the cooperative participation of all Library employees. Measures which staff members can take include protecting assigned logon identifications, passwords, and keys from disclosure, and signing off a system before leaving a terminal unattended. Supervisors have additional responsibilities, including briefing personnel on the need for exercising sound security practices and taking timely action to suspend access to sensitive information by departing personnel.

The primary user of any data is identified as the individual, or organization element, who creates and develops the data to accomplish an official mission or purpose, or causes such data or information to be created. The primary user determines the sensitivity of the information, specifies the level of protection to be afforded, and authorizes which users may access the information and the degree of access, including retrieval or update capability. ITS has installed a software package, ACF2, to implement security practices on the mainframe. ACF2 determines what access rights each user has been granted, based on their password, and prevents unauthorized access.

—Mary Bernheisel

Staff Activities

Eilene Marie Galloway, a retired senior specialist in international relations and national security, Congressional Research Service, received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the International Institute of Space Law in October for her contributions to the organization and her field.

Frederick M. Kaiser, a specialist in American national government, Congressional Research Service, participated in several conferences in November. He was a discussant on a panel on the topic, "The Problems of Strategic Intelligence," held at the International Studies Association Annual Conference in Memphis, Tenn. He was also a guest lecturer at the Foreign Service Institute, speaking on congressional operations and oversight of the executive.

Julian Witherell, chief of the African and Middle Eastern Division, is the editor of *Africana Resources and Collections: Three Decades of Development and Achievements; A Festschrift in Honor of Hans Panofsky.* The volume is a collection of original studies by Africana materials specialists in major American libraries, prepared in honor of the curator of the Melville J. Herskovits Library of African Studies at Northwestern University.

Beverly Gray, head of the African Section, contributed "Africana Acquisitions at the Library of Congress," a study of the history and growth of the division's collection development programs for materials relating to sub-Saharan Africa.

Dr. Witherell also prepared an author/subject/title index to the entire volume as a finding aid.

Africana Resources and Collections (ISBN 0-8108-2239-3) is available from Scarecrow Press, Inc., P.O. Box 4167, Metuchen, NJ 08840, for $29.50.

David S. Meisler Dies

David Shem Meisler, a library technician in the Religion, Philosophy, Psychology Unit of the Whole Book Cataloging Project, died on October 31 at the Washington Hospital Center from complications associated with AIDS. He was 32.

Born in Middletown, Conn., Mr. Meisler earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Massachusetts in Boston. He had recently begun work toward a master's degree in library science at the University of Maryland.

Mr. Meisler moved to the Washington, D.C., area in 1973 and was first employed at the Library of Congress as a deck attendant in the Newspaper Section of the Serials Division in 1977. In 1981 he resigned his position as a file clerk in the Central Services Division to earn a B.S. degree. He returned to the Library in 1984 to work with the Childrens Literature Center. Mr. Meisler went on to work in the MARC Editorial and Cataloging in Publication Divisions before accepting the position with the Whole Book Cataloging Project.

Mr. Meisler was an active member of the WRA Choral Society, the Northern Virginia Chamber Singers and Chamber Opera, and the choir at Calvary United Methodist Church in Arlington, Va., where he also served on several committees and volunteer projects. An avid gardener, Mr. Meisler enjoyed sharing the flowers he grew with his co-workers and friends at the Library.

Survivors include Mr. Meisler's mother, Ruby DeGiovanni; his father, Bernard Meisler, Sr.; and two brothers and two sisters.

Meetings and Events Around the Library

Thursday, January 11
☐ "Former Attractions: Yesterday's Hollywood Previews" (videotape), John Wayne, visual arts examiner, Copyright Office, LC Professional Association (LCPA). Room LM 407, 12:10 p.m.

Friday, January 12
☐ "The Civil Law System in the Hispanic World and the Anglo-Saxon Legal Tradition," Armando González, former assistant chief, Hispanic Law Division. LC Hispanic Cultural Society. Dining Room A, 12 noon.

Thursday, January 18
☐ "Meet the Author," Vivian O. Sammons, editor of *Blacks in Science and Medicine* and science reference librarian. LCPA. Room LM 407, 12:10 p.m.

Tuesday, January 23
☐ "Contract Administration," Federal Library and Information Center Committee. Dining Room A, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

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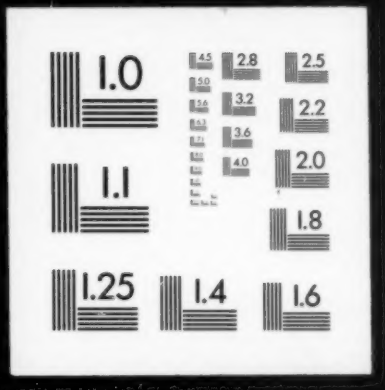
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